Tollgates at Aramboly and Kuzhitturai.

68. **MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI** (*Commerce and Industry, South*): Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the amount of toll actually collected from the P. W. D. toll-gates at Kuzhitturai and Aramboly, respectively, during each of the years 1094 to 1101 and from the 1st Chingam 1102 to the 15th Mithunam 1102 ;

(*b*) the amount of money spent for maintaining the Main Southern road during each of the years 1094 to 1101 and from the 1st Chingam 1102 to the 15th Mithunam 1102 ; and

(*c*) whether Mr. A. Vipan, the Chief Engineer, has travelled along the Main Southern road, and, if so, on how many occasions ?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) and (*b*) Statements* containing the information required by the member are laid on the table.

(*c*) Mr. A Vipan has travelled along the Main Southern road four times.

Damage to Cultivation in Motaman Ela.

69. **MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI** (*Trivandrum* cum *Neduvangad*): (1) Are the Government aware that extensive damage to paddy cultivation in Motaman Ela, in Mel-Tonnakkal *pakuthi*, Trivandrum taluk, is being caused by a big breach in an irrigation canal in that locality and that a large extent of paddy land is getting silted up ?

(2) Is it a fact that the Assistant Engineer, Attingal Sub-Division, inspected the breach and submitted estimates for closing up the same ?

(3) Will the Government be pleased to issue urgent orders for closing up this breach and save paddy crops from destruction by floods ?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (1) Petitions regarding this have been received.

(2) The Chief Engineer reports that the Assistant Engineer has submitted a report. No estimate was prepared.

(3) It is reported that the breach has been closed by the ryots, and hence this does not arise.

Flogging of a Convict in the Central Prison.

70. **MR K. MADHAVAN PILLAI** (*Trivandrum* cum *Neduvangad*) : With regard to the flogging of a convict as a jail punishment in the year 1101, will the Government be pleased to state the number of stripes awarded, the term of imprisonment of this convict, his age, his previous convictions, if any, his previous jail punishment, if any, and also whether the Prison Rules in relation to the infliction of whipping as a jail punishment have been duly complied with ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : The number of stripes awarded to the convict was 24, the term of his imprisonment is for life, *i. e.*, 14 years' rigorous imprisonment; and his present age is

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35. He had neither previous convictions nor jail punishments. The Jail Rules in relation to the punishment were duly complied with.

MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Trivandrum* cum *Neduvangad*) : Is it not laid down in the Jail Rules that the punishment of flogging should not be inflicted upon a convict until all the other forms of punishment have been tried and found to fail.

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Not to that absolute extent. The rule allows the punishment by flogging in grave cases.

MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Trivandrum* cum *Neduvangad*): What is the purpose of laying down that rule.

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : There may be occasions when a man may have to be given corporal punishment.

MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Trivandrum* cum *Neduvangad*) : What is the offence ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : The offence is that while in the garden along with some others he climbed to the top of a tree and refused to come down.

MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Trivandrum* cum *Neduvangad*): This is for writing an anonymous petition ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : Then this is another. This is a case of 1101.

MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Trivandrum* cum *Neduvangad*): Is it such a serious offence as to award flogging of 24 stripes to a man who has no previous conviction ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : That is a matter of opinion. I might say that if a convict climbed to the top of a tree and would not come down, the warder will have to watch him ; but then, the other convicts might run away. Perhaps the man might jump down and die.

MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Trivandrum* cum *Neduvangad*) : Suppose he jumped down and died ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : It will be a grave case.

MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Trivandrum* cum *Neduvangad*) : Do not the Jail Rules lay down that a man should not be given this punishment unless and until all other forms of punishment are tried and found to fail ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : The jail Superintendent is vested with full discretion for the purpose of discipline.

MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Trivandrum* cum *Neduvangad*): Do the Government approve of this action of flogging in this particular case ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : In this particular case, the Government consider that the Jail Superintendent exercised his discretion rightly, because he was on the spot and knew the affair.

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MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Trivandrum* cum *Neduvangad*): How did he manage to climb up the tree?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): By going up. (*Laughter.*)

MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Trivandrum* cum *Neduvangad*): Where was he?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): He was in the garden, I believe. There are ever so many trees in the garden.

Posting of Vernacular School Teachers.

71. MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Trivandrum* cum *Neduvangad*): Will the Government be pleased to state if the practice of posting teachers of Vernacular schools as far as possible to their native places or at least in places not far away from their homes has been given up?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The practice has not been given up.

Expenditure on the S. M. V. School, Vanchiyur.

72. MR. A. J. JOHN (*Vaikam*): Will the Government be pleased to state the total amount of expenditure incurred till now (2-7-'27) in connection with the opening of the English High School at Vanchiyur, Trivandrum?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The total public works expenditure up to date is Rs. 5,27,197-6 chs. 6.

MR. A. J. JOHN (*Vaikam*): May I know whether the land acquisition charges are also included?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): That must have been included in the expenditure for the construction of this school.

MR. A. J. JOHN (*Vaikam*): May I know the total amount for the land acquisition charges?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): I have not got the figure here. I think it is about Rs. 26,000 or so.

Acquisition of Lands for the Lalam-Kadutturutti Road.

73. MR. A. J. JOHN (*Vaikam*): With regard to land acquisition proceedings in connection with the Lalam-Kadutturutti road, will the Government be pleased to state:

(1) the date on which land was acquired;

(2) the total extent of the land acquired;

(3) the extent of the land for which compensation has been paid; and

(4) whether any of the owners are still claiming compensation, and, if so, the reason for not paying it?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (1) The land has not been acquired. Proceedings for acquisition are only in progress.

(2) The extent to be acquired is 6 acres and 29·413 cents of land as proposed by the Chief Engineer.

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